Amendments to the Claims:

The claims are <u>not</u> being amended herein. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- (Previously Presented) A method for delivery of a therapeutic neurotrophin to
 targeted neurotrophin-receptive neurons in the mammalian brain to stimulate
 growth or sustain activity therein, the method comprising delivering a
 neurotrophin encoding transgene into two or more delivery sites in the brain,
 wherein each delivery site is no more than about 10 mm from another delivery
 site.
- 2. (Original) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the transgene is expressed by a viral expression vector.
- (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the viral expression vector is an adenovirus.
- 4. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the viral expression vector is an adeno-associated virus.
- 5. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the viral expression vector is a lentivirus.
- (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the viral expression vector is HIV-1.
- 7. (Original) The method according to Claim 2, wherein the neurotrophic composition is a fluid having a concentration of neurotrophin encoding viral particles in the range from 10¹⁰ to 10¹⁵ particles per ml of neurotrophic composition.
- (Original) The method according to Claim 7, wherein from 2.5 μl to 25 μl of the neurotrophic composition is delivered to each delivery site.
- 9. (Cancelled).

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- 10. (Cancelled).
- 11. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the treated mammal is a human and the transgene encodes a human neurotrophin.
- 12. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11 wherein the neurotrophin is selected from the group of neurotrophins consisting of human beta nerve growth factor (B-NGF); human neurotrophin 3 (NT-3); glial cell line-derived neurotrophic factor (GDNF); brain-derived neurotrophic factor (BDNF) and neurotrophin-4/5 (NT-4/5).
- 13. (Cancelled).
- 14. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the delivery sites are intraparenchymal.
- 15. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the delivery sites are within the Ch4 region of the cholinergic basal forebrain.
- 16. (Original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein the transgene is expressed by a non-viral expression vector.
- 17. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11 wherein the growth or increase in neuronal activity ameliorates Alzheimer's disease in the human.
- 18. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11 wherein the growth or increase in activity ameliorates Parkinson's Disease in the human.